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DESIGN LELLA E MASSIMO VIGNELLI, 1979



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Le quattro forme della geometria Euclidea, Cubo, Cilindro, Sfera e Piramide, in quattro marmi diversi, formano la base del tavolo completato da una grande lastra di vetro trasparente. I quattro elementi sono indipendenti e possono essere posizionati liberamente, senza che il tavolo perda la propria identità indistintamente alla posizione degli elementi che lo compongono; tutti comunque necessari a dargli stabilità.

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Piramide in Marmo bianco di Carrara
Cubo in nero Marquinia
Cilindro in Travertino
Sfera in Emperador dark

cm 120x120 h 1,9



METAFORA, A TOP... FULL OF MEANING.

Since when it was presented for the first time, at the Furniture Show in 1979, the table Metafora, drawn by Lella and Massimo Vignelli, charmed for its aesthetics, for the choice of its forms and its materials, for no detail is coincidental but everything is linked by a fil rouge of meanings and historical references.

The sphere represents the globe, our planet, the origin and support of mankind.

The pyramid represents the Egyptian civilization, the first important example of social organization, the cradle of culture and spirituality.

The cylinder made in travertine re-proposes the Roman Empire, the summit of an ancient world that disastrously collapsed afterwards, this is why the column is overturned on the ground.

The black cube represents the black stone of Kaaba, at Mecca, the founding element of Islam, another of the great pillars of mankind.

All these symbols and meanings are gathered into one single setting, thus merging design, culture and sensiveness for the human adventure.

METAFORA, UN DESSUS... PLEIN DE SIGNIFICATION.

Dès sa première présentation, à l'Expo du Meuble en 1979, la table Metafora, dessinée par Lella et Massimo Vignelli, a fasciné pour son esthétique, le choix de ses formes et ses matériaux, car aucun détail est fortuit mais tout est lié par un fil rouge de significations et de références historiques.

La sphère représente le globe terrestre, notre planète, l'origine et le support de l'humanité.

La pyramide représente la civilisation égyptienne, le premier exemple important d'organisation sociale, berceau de culture et de spiritualité.

Le cylindre en travertin propose à nouveau l'empire romain, l'apogée d'un monde ancien écroulé ruineusement par la suite, voilà pourquoi la colonne est renversée par terre.

Il cubo noir représente la pierre noire de la Kaaba, à La Mecque, l'élément fondant de l'Islam, un autre de grands piliers de l'humanité.

Tous ces symboles et ces significations recueillis dans un seul élément, mêlant ainsi le design, la culture et la sensibilité pour l'aventure humaine.

METAFORA, EINE BEDEUTUNGSVOLLE FLACHE ...

Schon seit seiner ersten Vorführung, bei der Messe Salone del Mobile im Jahr 1979, faszinierte der von Lella e Massimo Vignelli geplante Metafora-Tisch wegen der Schönheit, der Wahl der Formen und der Materialien, wo kein Detail zufällig ist, sondern alles durch einen roten Faden von Bedeutungen und historischen Verweisen verbunden ist.

Die Kugel stellt die Erdkugel, unseren Planet dar, der Ursprung und Unterhalt der Menschheit ist.

Die Pyramide stellt die ägyptische Zivilisation dar, das erste grosse Vorbild von Gesellschaftsorganisation, Wiege der Kultur und der Geistigkeit.

Der Travertinzylinder hebt die Idee des römischen Kaisertums erneut hervor, Gipfels einer antiken Welt, die dann heftig zusammengebrochen ist, das ist der Grund dafür, dass die Säule auf dem Boden umgekippt liegt.

Der schwarze Kubus stellt den schwarzen Stein der Kaaba bei der Mecca dar, der ein wesentlicher Bestandteil des Islam ist, und ein anderer der grossen Eckpfeiler der Menschheit darstellt.

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LELLA E MASSIMO VIGNELLI

Nasce a Milano, nel 1931, studia Architettura a Milano e Venezia. Con Lella Vignelli, prima di aprire a New York gli studi di Vignelli Associates nel 1971 e Vignelli Designs nel 1978, ha aperto lo Studio Vignelli di Design e Architettura a Milano in 1960, before establishing Vignelli of Design and Architecture in Milan together with Lella Vignelli; in 1965 he was the co-founder as well as the Design Director of the Unimark International Corporation. His work includes Graphic and Corporate Identity Programs, Publishing Design, Systems of signs, Exhibitions, Furniture and Interiors, Product design for both American and European companies and institutions. His work has been published and showed all over the world and is part of Permanent Collections of several museums, such as: the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, The Cooper Hewitt National Museum of Design in New York, The Cooper Hewitt National Museum of Design in Montreal, The Musee des Arts Decoratives in Montreal, etc. He taught and lectured at the main universities both in America and all over the world. He taught for ten years at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He was the chairman of the Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) and Presidente della Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) and of the American Institute of Graphic Arts as well as Vice President of the Architectural League. Two documentaries on Vignelli's work have been broadcasted worldwide. From 1989 till 1993 his monographic exhibition went round Europe, from Moscow to Saint Petersburg, from Helsinki to Copenhagen, from London to Barcelona, Budapest, Monaco, Prague and Paris.

Er wurde in Mailand 1931 geboren, er studierte Architektur in Mailand und Venedig. Zusammen mit Lella Vignelli eröffnete er 1960, bevor er in New York die Vignelli Associates Studios '71 und Vignelli Designs 1978 eröffnete, das Vignelli Design- und Architektur-Studio in Mailand und im 1965 war er Mitgründer und Design Director von Unimark International Corporation.

Il suo lavoro include Graphic e Corporate Identity Programs, Publishing Design,

Systems of signs, Exhibitions, Furniture

and Interiors, Product design for both

American and European companies and

institutions. Son

travail a été publié et exposé partout

dans le monde et fait partie de

Collections Permanentes de plusieurs musées

tels que: le Musée d'Art Moderne de New York, le Metropolitan Museum of Art, le Brooklyn Museum of Art, The Cooper Hewitt National Museum of Design in New York, The Cooper Hewitt National Museum of Design in Montreal, The Musee des Arts Décoratifs in Montreal, etc. Il a enseigné et tenu des conférences dans les principales universités sia d'America che nel Mondo. Ha tenuto per dieci anni un corso alla Harvard Graduate School of Design. He was the chairman of the Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) and Presidente della Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) and of the American Institute of Graphic Arts as well as Vice President of the Architectural League. Two documentaries on Vignelli's work have been broadcasted worldwide. From 1989 till 1993 his monographic exhibition went round Europe, from Moscow to Saint Petersburg, from Helsinki to Copenhagen, from London to Barcelona, Budapest, Monaco, Prague and Paris.

Among the main awards

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Compasso d'Oro, (ADI) 1964 e 1998.

Industrial Arts medal of the American Association of Architects, 1973.

Art Directors Club Hall of Fame, 1982.

Gold Medal of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Presidental Design Award, awarded by

President Reagan nel 1985.

Interior Design

Hall of Fame 1988.

National Arts Club Gold Medal for Design, 1991.

Interior Product Designers Fellowship of Excellence 1992.

The Brooklyn Museum Lifetime Achievement Award 1995.

The Russel Wright Award for Design Excellence, 2001.

The Honorary Royal Designer for Industry Award, Londra 1996.

The National Design Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003.

The Visionary Award del Museum of Art and Design, 2004.

The Architectural Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

He obtained the honorary degree in architecture at the Architecture University in Venice. He got the honorary degree in architecture at the Università Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia. Laurea ad Honorem dalla seguente Università Americana: Parson School of Design, New York, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, The Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC, The Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY.

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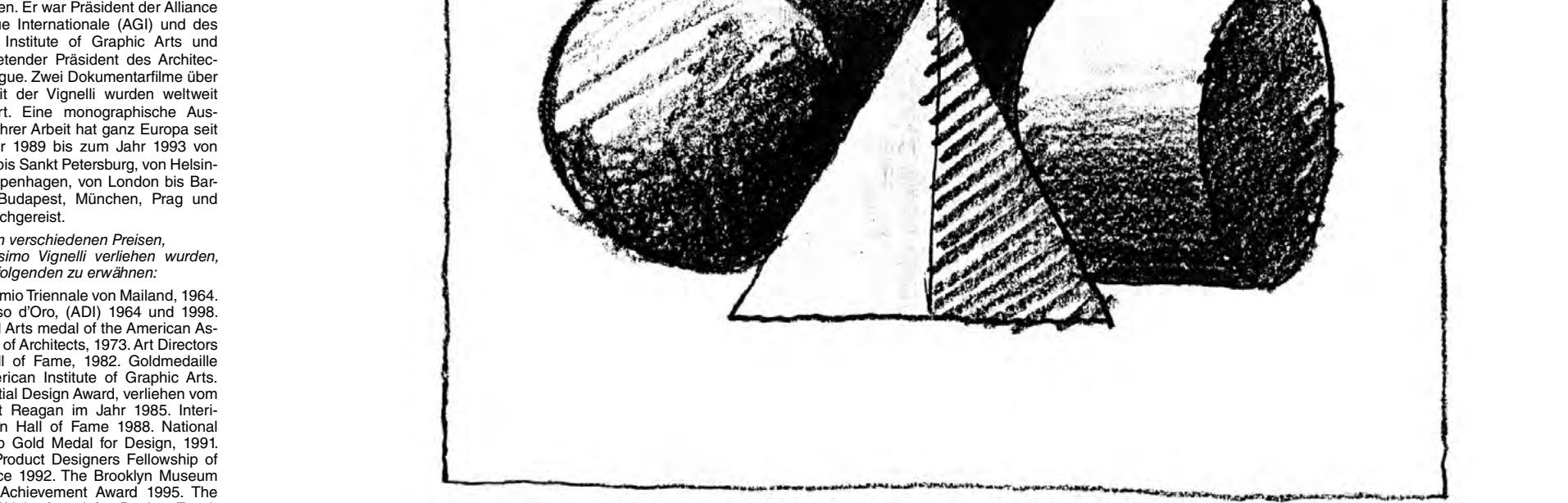
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